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ROMULAN LANGUAGE GUIDE

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INTRODUCTION

This booklet is a general guide to the basics of the Romulan Language. It is not intended to be exhaustive but rather will provide the necessary basic communication skills needed in any unplanned contact with the Romulans. As such it is a required text for all Starfleet Academy cadets and/or Starfleet Officer Candidates.

For more complete information in the Romulan culture and language usage it is recommended that you consult the works of Terise Haleakala-LoBrutto. The Journal of the Federation Institute for the study of Xenosociology Vol. LXII, Numbers 88-109, or acquire a print-medium transcript of the literary work called "The Romulan Way."

Volume 2 of the Romulan Language Guide contains the complete Romulan Language dictionary as it is known as of this date and printing.

LESSON I: ORTHOGRAPHY

English	Romulan	Pronunciation
CH	C	ch as in <u>change</u>
SH	S	sh as in <u>share</u>
TH	T	th as in <u>that</u>
TH	T	th as in <u>thin</u>
A	A	a'ah has a double sound
E	E	e as in <u>eat</u>
I	I	i as in <u>ice</u>
Y	I	y as in <u>yet</u>
W	M	
V	N	
F	C	
P	B	
S, C	V	<u>sent</u> or <u>center</u>
L	K	
J	X	zh as in <u>vision</u>
K, C, Q	B	<u>kick</u> or <u>can</u>
M	X	
N	B	
U	B	
O	B	
G soft	V	<u>gentle</u> or <u>just</u>
G hard	M	<u>go</u> or <u>get</u>
D	O	
B	P	
R	B	
T	M	
H	M	
QU	S	

LESSON 2: PUNCTUATION

- is a word separation. There are no spaces between the words.
- indicates the end of a sentence or of a paragraph like a period.
- + indicates interrogative like a question mark does in English.
- “ ” are quotes. Like in English they enclose the words being quoted.

LESSON 3: SENTENCE STRUCTURE

Basic Romulan sentence structure is:

subject - object - adjective - verb

Instead of saying "I read an old book." The Romulan would structure the sentence as:
"I a book old read."

LESSON 4: CAPITALIZATION

In the Romulan language, capitalization is used for proper names only. Never at the start of a sentence, or for a title.

To capitalize a letter you add a line above the letter. In the Romulan language the sound of the capitalized letter is slightly changed. This is very difficult to hear and will take years of practice to properly articulate.

The Romulan Language in addition to the standard alphabet, which is necessary to the production of word sounds, also contains a series of alphabetic sounds to describe verb tenses, and to make an object plural.

TENSES:

	Letter	Pronunciation
Past Positive:	H	a as in able
Past Negative:	W	ate
Present Positive:	no	addition to this tense
Present Negative:	-	eat
Future Positive:	O	aw as in awful
Future Negative:	Θ	ot as in otter

The letter is added to the end of the word being described.

EXAMPLE: The word cold: **KOMH**
KOMWH was cold
KOMW- was not cold
KOMH is cold
KOMW- is not cold
KOMHO will not be cold
KOMΘO will be cold

PLURAL:

The letter x is added before the word to make it plural. It is pronounced like the letter z in zebra.

EXAMPLE: **ABOO** book
xABOO books

ACCENTUATION:

In words of more than one syllable, the stress is always on the last syllable.

The only exception to this rule is the plural, where the stress is on the x.

A glottal stop is always used between two identical letters. An example in English is the word ski'ing.

LESSON 7: DICTIONARY

Ranks and Titles

GAHKMM	fuillah	Praetor
DEHME	deihu	Elder, Senator
EMOE'OXON	khre riov	Commander General
EMOE'OXON	enar riov	Commander
EOEX'OXON	erie riov	Subcommander
EOEX'OXE	erie rin	Centurian
EOEXE	erein	Subcenturian
YMKME	galae	Romulan Starfleet
KKOMBB'XMOHME	lloann mhrachel	UFP
KKOMBBXON	lloannahn	UFP Citizen
KKOMBB'YMKME	lloann galae	UFP Starfleet

Military Terms

EEEEHMAH	rekhai	Sir
XHMEH	ihhel	Maan
VVOMH	ssuay	Aye, Aye
VVOMH'OXON	ssuej difu	Understand?
MBAM	hnah	Go, Fire, Energize
EMEH	khoi	Stop, Turn off
HAN'EMOE	htu fvau	Return
KETTME'MBAM	leyak hnah	Fire Phasers
YHMEETXVO	hwaveyicar	Flight Bridge
OXON	oira	Battle Bridge
YMEOMH	haerht	Cargo Hold
MAEXX	lminar	Transporterr
KEXHO	hteij	Quarters
MEHGXON	hpafirh	To spy
E'MBAM	th anna	Prisoner
OTHOE	dypshj	Partner, Ally

General Terms

VEHMA	sekat	Me, Mine
NOOE	udor	You, Yours
PAHOEXME	barreman	They, Theirs

SHOX'OMH	shaoi dan	Salutation to equal
SHOX'PEH	shaoi ben	Saluation, Inferior
SHOX'BOH	shaoi kon	Salutation, Superior

220' MXX
 220' MM
 0MXB
 0MMB
 MZXOMME
 MXXOMMB
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 1MTOX
 220VX
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 6M' 000
 0MT0
 MK00
 220A00T
 220A00B
 10M0
 K100B
 K100B' 0000000
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 krowert
 patned pra krsh
 recendt
 lacendt
 kyr lep
 fortnepas
 hardre
 tharon
 gen
 choch
 rawn
 show
 zhow
 pokot
 noht dnre
 noht ray
 batlem

Goodbye (forever)
 See you later
 No
 Yes
 Maybe yes
 Maybe no
 Here
 There
 Come/Go
 Stay
 help
 Will/Shall
 May
 Can/Able
 Give (unwilling)
 Give (willing)
 To lie
 Truth
 Concealed truth
 Today
 Tomorrow
 Later
 Now
 Soon
 Never
 Large
 Small
 Some
 All
 None
 Sit
 Stand
 Quickly
 Slowly
 Hot
 Cold
 Warm
 Good health
 Poor health
 Wounded